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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE AND	:	
CERTIFICATION OF	:	Administrative Action
	:	
DONNA HARDIMAN, LPN, CHHA	:	
License # 26NP05222400	:	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
Certificate # 26NH04738100	:	OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
	:	OF LICENSE AND
TO PRACTICE NURSING AND AS A	:	CERTIFICATE
HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Donna Hardiman, LPN, CHHA ("Respondent") was arrested on November 26, 2012 and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5B (Unlawful Possession of a Weapon); N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4.1 (Possession of a Weapon); N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A (two counts) (Possession of CDS); N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5 (CDS Distribution); N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7

(Distributing Drugs near School Property); and N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2 (Drug Paraphernalia). It is alleged that officers of the New Jersey state parole division were conducting a home visit of a male parolee, who shares a residence with Respondent, and that officers discovered marijuana packaged for sale, Ecstasy, a scale, a handgun under a pillow on the bed, and other things indicating the distribution of drugs. At the time of the home visit, the male parolee was in the residence with at least one of Respondent's juvenile children. Respondent arrived at the residence about an hour after the parole officers began their home visit.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) which provides a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's license and certification.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 4th DAY OF March, 2013,

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her license to practice nursing and her certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her nursing license, both wallet and wall versions, to Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing. Respondent shall not renew her expired certificate as a homemaker-home health aide.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Certified Homemaker-Home Health Aide in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing and as a Certified Homemaker-Home Health Aide in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

3. Prior to any reinstatement, Respondent shall undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program (RAMP) of the Institute of Nursing, and gain the program's support for reinstatement.

4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission

of liability on the part of Respondent.

5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing or homemaker-home health aide practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
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Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Donna Hardiman

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